count, IMF borrowings, Export credit, Commercial borrowing, NRI & FC (B&O) Deposits, Rupee debt on defence and civilian accounts and short term debt.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. According to World Debt Table published by World Bank in January, 1995, India ranks as 3rd largest debtor after Brazil and Mexico. Government is conscious about the country's external debt liability and keeps a constant watch on the level of country's indebtedness and likely burden of debt servicing. While contracting foreign loans, it is always kept in view that the debt burden and the debt servicing liability of the country does not exceed the capacity of the economy to service such loans. Government has already introduced a programme of economic reforms aimed at stabilisation combined with longer term restructuring. These reforms would improve the economic condition of the country and revitalise our growth process, including our export earning capacity, so as to enhance our capacity to repay the loans and to ensure that this debt servicing burden does not exceed the capacity of economy to service such loan.

Appointmetn of workmen Directors in Nationalised Banks

68. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a policy to appoint Workmen Directors in Nationalised Banks;

(b) the extent of success achieved under the policy;

(c) whether there is a proposal to also ensure nomination of directors with agricultural background in banks; and

(d) if so; the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (d) The Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970/1980 (in short called Bank Nationalisation Act) provides for appointment of amongst others, one Director from amongst such of the employees of the concerned bank who are workmen under relevant clauses of the Industrial Disputes Act 1947. As on date such workmen employee Directors are in position in 17 out of 19 Nationalised banks.

The Bank Nationalisation Act also provides for nomination of Directors having special knowledge or practical experience in respect of different sectors like agricultural and rural economy, banking cooperation, economic, finance, small scale industries, representing the interest of depositors, farmers, workers and artisans.

Speedy disposal of insuranse claims

69. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to devise and consider a better system for speedy disposal of Insurance claims of road accident victims;

(b) whether it is a fact that insurance companies are very tardy in this regard; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to streamline their operations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) In order to expedite the settlement of third party claims, a structured formula for payment of compensation to road accident victims, based on age group and income criteria, has been introduced in the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 w.e.f. 14th